

Arlington Recycling Committee  
Minutes of 9/13/12

Present: Co-Chair Juli Brazile, DPW Assistant Director Teresa DeBenedictis, DPW Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Eric Helmuth, Secretary Pete Howard

DPW REPORT: Charlotte provided a table (Ref 1) showing solid waste, recycling, and yard waste tonnage by month in FY12 and July FY 13. For July there was a sizable (37%) increase in recycling and a smaller drop in solid waste. She also summarized the progress of the new trash hauler and provided a picture (Ref 2) of the yellow and red stickers being used to warn residents about non-compliance with the recycling rules. She & others at DPW are handling many phone calls about the program. They expect fewer as residents become familiar with the new program.

TOWN DAY: One volunteer at a time will be sufficient. Juli, Gordon and Eric plan to cover this need. No Uncle Sam bags will be provided because this is considered an inefficient way to increase recycling. Visitors to the booth asking for bags will be directed to the DPW office in the Town Yard. Gordon may offer bags at Town Meeting. Eric is willing to address Town Meeting too.

#### RECYCLING PROMOTION

Fall Community Collection Day 11/17

School based recycling/composting Charlotte has met with all principals and has discussed installing sinks in cafeterias. The sinks would be used to rinse trays. She suggested that students stack clean trays for more efficient trash collection and possible recycling.

Uncle Sam poster distribution plan/results: Charlotte has looked at all classrooms and has a good understanding of how posters might be used. Some parents think the poster is too stern for young children.

Advocate Recycling tips -and- Composting bin sales The Advocate is not an effective way to post tips. Charlotte will see if Joan Roman could reach a bigger audience more reliably on the Town Website.

Recycling website enhancements Eric will try to gather statistics on what people use most on the recycling webpage. In October we can discuss that data and how we might improve the site.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Charlotte is considering a Green Team or club of older students interested in recycling. This might also become a part time job at DPW.

Charlotte has visited the company in Framingham that recycles Styrofoam (expanded polystyrene or EPS) into polystyrene. They will provide a 30 yd dumpster for \$250 for 4 hrs. We will advertise this service at the Fall CCD for implementation at the Spring CCD.

FUTURE MEETINGS - First Thursday of each month at 7:30 in the Town Hall Annex unless otherwise announced.

Ref 1 ARC Recycling Update

Ref 2 Red & Yellow JRM Stickers

# ARC Recycling Update

Ref 1

	Solid Waste	change from same month previous year	Recycling	change from same month previous year	Yard Waste	change from same month previous year
<b>2011-12</b>						
Jul.	1,141.73		309.57		162.00	
Aug.	1,369.38		379.24		173.25	
Sep.	1,312.20		403.30		252.00	
Oct.	1,205.09		372.29		200.25	
Nov.	1,278.62		438.24		814.50	
Dec.	1,236.03		474.01		90.00	
Jan.	1,122.36		412.54		54.00	
Feb.	997.36		325.56		0.00	
Mar.	1,039.60		357.44		0.00	
Apr.	1,021.65		364.22		229.50	
May	1,259.78		405.84		195.25	
Jun.	1,230.44		410.00		210.50	
TOTALS	14,214.24		4,652.25		2,381.25	
<b>2012-13</b>						
Jul.	1,078.77	0.94	423.16	1.37		

## New Recycling and Trash Program: Where are we?

- Recycling and yard waste pickup became weekly on July 1
- Mandatory recycling and trash limit enforcement began on Sept. 1
- Warning stickers (limits and recycling) and Non-Compliance stickers (contaminated yard waste and recycling) were introduced on Sept. 10
- Full enforcement (trash left behind) will begin Oct. 1

# WARNING

On September 1, 2012 weekly mandatory recycling and trash limits in Arlington were implemented.

Residents must separate paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, and metal containers from trash. Recycling must be placed in a clearly labeled reusable container that is left out at the curb until your trash is collected. Trash is limited to 100 gallons per week, per household (approximately three, 32-gallon trash barrels).

Your trash has been collected. However, you are receiving this warning to alert you to a violation that will, starting October 1, 2012, result in your TRASH not being collected. That violation is:

- ☐ Amount of trash is over the limit (100 gallons).  
☐ Recyclables are not present curbside. Recycling must be placed in a clearly labeled reusable container that is left out at the curb until your trash is collected.  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

For a paid excess trash or white good collection call JRM to schedule a pick-up 1-800-323-4285

For recycling and trash guidelines visit the Town's website at:  
[arlingtonma.gov/recycle](http://arlingtonma.gov/recycle)  
 or contact Arlington Public Works at 781-316-3108.



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# Non-Compliant

Remove all trash, recycling, and yard waste containers from the curb, back onto your property, no later than 9 PM the day after your scheduled collection date. Items left of the curb are subject to a fine.

This item violates waste bans established by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (310CMR 19.017).

We are unable to pick up your **RECYCLING** because it contains unacceptable material:

- ☐ Contaminated with trash (plastic bags, plastic wrap, and Styrofoam are trash)  
☐ Contaminated with yard waste  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

We are unable to pick up your **YARD WASTE** because it contains unacceptable material:

- ☐ Contaminated with trash  
☐ Contaminated with recycling  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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